

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
September 21st, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
611, 578,,518 (vss. 1,25,3)	611,578,739, 518 (vss. 1,25,3), 940
Wednesday Hymns	611,578
<u>Sermon</u>	
“We are sick. We need Jesus”	
Rev. Keith Knea	

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11: But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them. You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the people of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. But the people of Israel are not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for

all the Israelites are hardened and obstinate. But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.” And he said to me, “Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says,’ whether they listen or fail to listen.”

Ephesians 4:7-16: But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Matt. 9:9-13: As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and

Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Mark Schiefer; Dennis Thurston, Jason Hecht*

Organist *Calista Daenzer*

Usher *Paul Kern; Ron Spiekerman*

Altar Guild *Mary Reinbold, Delores Landskroener*

Acolytes *Remy Rodammer, Luke Hoerlein*

Wednesday

Elders *Matt Brown*

Pianist. *Terese Petro*

Usher *Ron Spiekerman*

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mission & Ministry Fair 12:30 p.m.

Mon School Picture Day
175th Anniversary Meeting 6 p.m.
Reflections Book Club 7 p.m.

Tue *Winter Village Communion 1:30 p.m.*
Covenant Glen Communion 2:30 p.m.

Wed *School Chapel 10:10 a.m.*
Worship Service 7 p.m.

Sat. . . . *Franconian Zone Bd. Meeting 8 - 11 a.m.*

Next Sun. 174th Church Anniversary
Communion 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Baptisms: Today during late service, Iris Joyce Troike, daughter of Garrett & Breanna (Heinlein) Troike, will be baptized.

Missions & Ministry Fun Fair: Today we’re bringing back something from the past—our annual Fun Fair—where we share fellowship with games, food, and more! Please join us at 12:30 p.m. in the school gym for fellowship and fun! Contact Heather Reinbold (989)577-0339 with any questions.

St. Michael’s Youth Group is open to all 7th-12th Grade students. Ultimate s’more night tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Mrs. Hoeppner’s house! Bring a friend and some ideas of things you want to do this year. Where: 6700 E. Holland. Permission slips for 2025 are on the church website.

Childhood Cancer Awareness: St. Michael's School will observe this week in honor of former student Jameson Doud.

Church Anniversary: Sunday, September 28th, is the 174th anniversary of the founding of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in 1851. Our first church building was dedicated on the Day of St. Michael and all Angels (September 29th). This year's Church Anniversary envelope in your offering packets will go to provide funding for our 175th celebration next year.

Church Council meets tomorrow, September 22nd at 7:00 at the Park Hall.

Voters Meeting Sun. September 28th after the 10:30 service.

Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kit Collection: Please leave donations on the shelves opposite the coat rack by the kitchen by September 28.

KIT Program: We’re updating addresses for our members away at college or serving in the military so we can ‘keep in touch’ throughout the school year. Please contact Jenni Stuart at 989-284-1541 or jmstuart2015@gmail.com.

Sisters of Ruth will be going to Countryview Store Oct. 1st. Meet at church by 6:30 a.m., we will have lunch at the store. Any questions contact Luann Hecht.

Coach Callahan Cross Country Meet Oct. 3rd. St. Michael’s cross country team is hosting a “PINK OUT” in honor of Mrs. Courtney Callahan. Sign up information is on the bulletin board. Contact Carrie Hoepfner (choepfner@stmichaelsrichville.org) with any questions.

Thrivent Members: Don’t forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars! You may do so by going online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice OR calling (800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Dear St. Michael’s Members...
A heartfelt thank you for the cards, calls, pastor visits, prayers and expressions of sympathy. They were greatly appreciated! - Don Baesl & Family

A God given thank you to my family & friends for your prayers & kind thoughts. To Pastor Gillaspie & Pastor Knea for your meaningful prayers. A special thank you to our sons & there wives: Ted, you are so warm and caring. We will always be thankful for you and Megan.; Matt: Your use of a phone will never be underrated. God Bless you &

Amy. Elaine Keinath, you are so good at your prayer chain, a very accomplished person, and very deserving of accolades. God is great & kind. Thank you. -Larry Bauer

<u>Attendance</u>	
Sun. September 14 th	326
Wed. September 17 th	87
Weekly Income: 8/31-9/6:	\$18,739.43
9/7-9/13	\$12,143.63
<i>Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.</i>	

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "On the Way, Already Home" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love.(Numbers 9:18)

Prayers
Health
Larry Bauer; Dennis Bates; Heather Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Ron Frank; Hope Hecht; Kenny Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Charles Rodammer; John Schemm; Bev Schemm, Willie Wirth

Mission
Rev. Micah and Robin Wildauer serve the Lord as a missionary family through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Belize, based in the capital city of Belmopan. Micah serves as a church planter throughout the country, working alongside a team of fellow missionaries and Belizean church leaders.

Prayer of the Day
O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.